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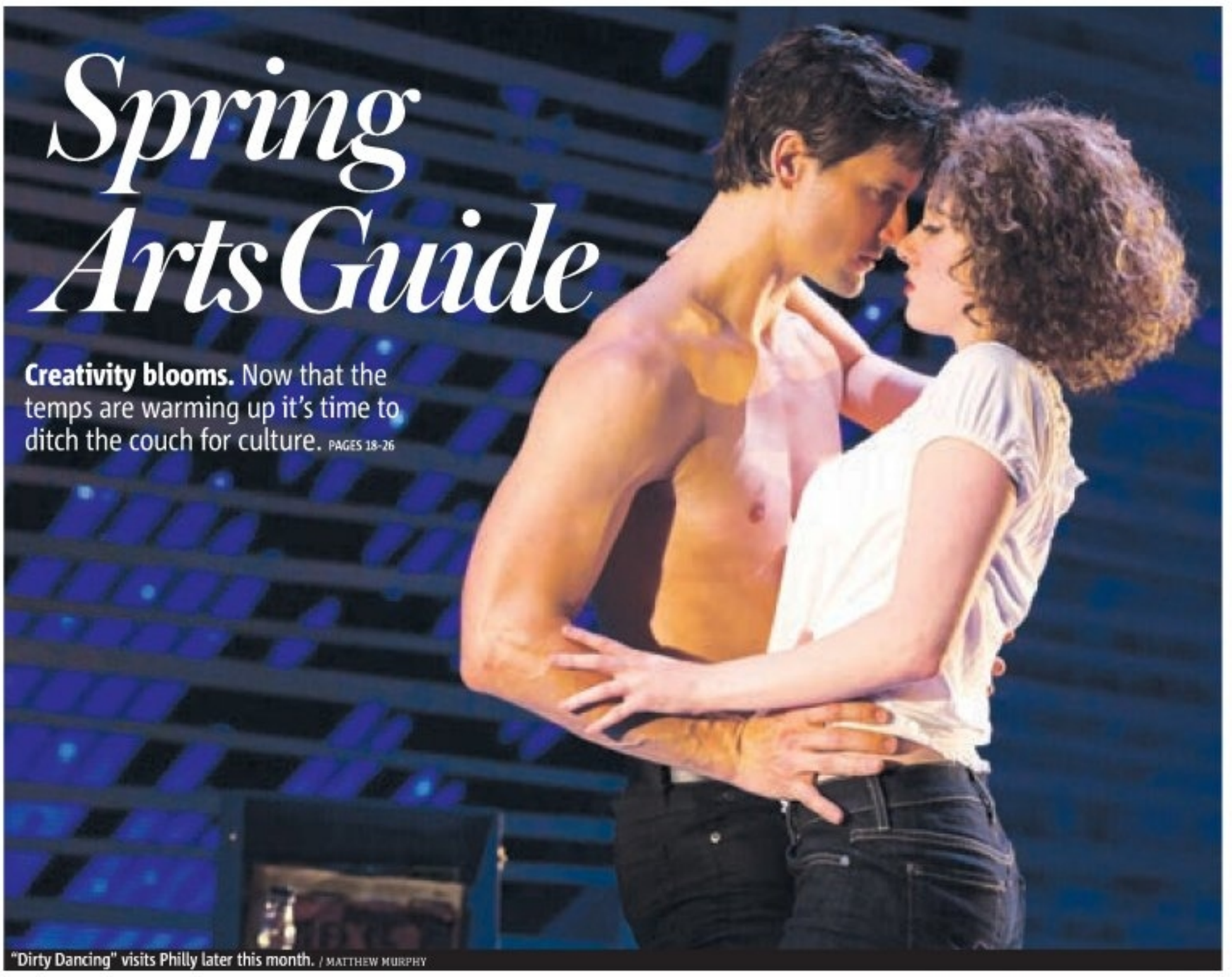

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Recent Eagles' trades create shopping problem

Jerseys. As Eagles coach Chip Kelly remakes the Eagles in his image, fans should hold off on the merchandise.

Zaid Hamid, general manager of Mitchell & Ness at 12th and Chestnut, displays a vintage Ron Jaworski jersey that retails for $250. / JENNIFER KERRIGAN

Hey buddy. Want to buy a Nick Foles jersey?

Have I got a deal for you.

Chip Kelly's rapid-fire trading of some of the Eagles' marquee players is creating headaches for buyers at local sporting goods stores, and regret among fans who shelled out $100 or more for jerseys sporting the Nick Foles name.

At Modell's on Chestnut Street in Center City, once $100 jerseys for Foles and LeSean McCoy were marked down to $30.

At Wayne Sporting Goods in Wayne, a manager worried that Kelly's style didn't leave him with enough confidence to buy jerseys ahead of the season. They had marked down formerly $100 jerseys to a paltry $10.

"Who knows what our Eagles section is going to look like this year," said Dan Harvan, the store's manager.

To be sure, there's nothing wrong with wearing or buying a Foles or McCoy jersey. McCoy remains the team's all-time leading rusher. And Foles, in 2013, had one of the best season's as a quarterback in recent memory.

All of which leads to another question. Given Kelly's wheeling and dealing, should fans rush out to snag a Sam Bradford or DeMarco Murray jersey?

No, says Zaid Hamid, general manager of the Mitchell & Ness flagship store at 12th and Chestnut.

"They could be here today and gone tomorrow," Hamid says.

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The jerseys

There are a lot of out-of-date jerseys out there. Foles stood at No. 15 on the NFL Players' Association player sales list, which ranks merchandise sold with players' names on it. LeSean McCoy was No. 9.

SEPTA must run controversial ad: Judge

A federal court ruled that SEPTA is required to run a controversial ad that features anti-Islamic statements on First Amendment grounds.

"While we respect the court's decision, we are disappointed. We are currently evaluating our options, including whether or not to file an appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals," said SEPTA director of media relations Jerri Williams on Thursday, after a Philadelphia federal court issued its decision Wednesday.

"Brilliant news, freedom lovers. We won in Philadelphia," the American Freedom Defense Initiative (AFDI) wrote on its Facebook page after the decision.

Lawyers for SEPTA argued that the advertisement was "patently false" and violated "minimal civility standards," according to court papers.

The AFDI was founded in 2010 and is widely described as Islamophobic.

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"SEPTA's refusal to air the ads was no doubt motivated by their disgust with the ads — a disgust we share. ... The First Amendment protects everyone, the hateful and the loving alike." Ryan Tack-Hooper, CAIR-Philadelphia lawyer

The Philadelphia office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) called the ad "dishonest."

"The court did what it had to do under the Constitution. Now it is on all of us, Philadelphians of all faiths, to find a way to respond to these ads in a way that promotes truth and dialogue over ignorance and division," said CAIR-Philadelphia executive director Jacob Bender. **SAM NEWHOUSE**

Hollywood

'Clerks III' to be filmed in Philly

New Jersey native and film director Kevin Smith announced Thursday the third installment of "Clerks" will be filmed in Philadelphia.

Smith broke into the film industry with the original "Clerks" (1994), a black-and-white independent film about a convenience-store clerk and his friend who works at a video-rental store (remember those?) at a faceless strip mall in New Jersey.

The Pittsburgh Business Journal broke the story, reporting Thursday that state financial records showed "Clerks III" would get a $2.11 million production credit.

The Journal also reported that the Greater Philadelphia Film Office issued a crew call March 9 seeking staff to work on the film, beginning in early June.

"Clerks," which featured actor Jason Mewes and Smith playing the famed roles of "Jay and Silent Bob," inspired an animated series, as well as the spin-off "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back."

Kevin Smith
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The plot of "Clerks III" has not been released but is expected to yet again revolve around the lives of store clerks.

Smith worked before in Philadelphia to film "Jersey Girl." He also worked in Pittsburgh to film "Dogma" and "Zack and Miri Make a Porno." **METRO**

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Clockwise from above, artist Betty Leacraft at Neighborhood Time Exchange, which she shared with cartoonist Ian Sampson and artist Kandis Friesen. / JENNIFER KERRIGAN

To be an artist, a person needs a room of their own.

A new program in West Philadelphia, the Neighborhood Time Exchange, gives resource to four artists — free studios, in return for time spent participating in community projects that enrich the neighborhood.

Fabric artist Betty Leacraft has prepared a wall hanging to be displayed during centennial celebrations for New Bethlehem Baptist Church — where she attended Sunday school growing up.

"It allowed me to do something in the area where I grew up," Leacraft said of Time Exchange.

Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, private foundations and The Mayor's Fund, the new project launched in January. Four artists get free studio space for three months while they work in the community around 41st Street and Lancaster Avenue.

Cartoonist Ian Sampson, 34, worked with a Belmont Avenue block captain to paint colorful designs over boarded-up houses that will reseal the homes.

"I can't fix up the whole house, but I can make it look pretty in the meantime," Sampson said.

Kandis Friesen, 36, an interdisciplinary artist from Montreal, made a film for Black History Month with students from Martha Washington Elementary School called "More than Martin."

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Philadelphia

Nutter wants universal pre-K commission

Mayor Michael Nutter will sign legislation Friday to put a ballot question before voters this May that, if approved, will create an independent commission to examine the establishment of universal pre-kindergarten services in Philadelphia.

City Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell introduced the measure in a bid to amend the city charter, citing the reported improvements for children who have access to pre-K services.

Gov. Tom Wolf called for funding to extend universal pre-K statewide in his budget address.

In New York City, more than 50,000 4-year-olds were enrolled in free city-run prekindergarten programs. METRO

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Doylestown, PA – Fred Beans, CEO and founder of the Fred Beans Automotive Group located in Doylestown, PA, has announced a **ONE DAY SALE** on Saturday, March 14th at 9:00AM, where pre-owned vehicles will be sold for as low as **$999**. This sale is being held due to overwhelming public demand.

Cars will be clearly marked, so come early for the best selection. This is a **ONE DAY ONLY** sale designed to get the local community driving again.

Fred Beans' pre-owned inventory levels need to be reduced to make room for shipments of new models arriving daily. As a result, **all 8 Fred Beans Doylestown locations are selling these overstocked pre-owned vehicles to the public at drastic discounts in an attempt to clear excess inventory**.

In addition to this huge variety of pre-owned vehicles, the Fred Beans Family of Dealerships in Doylestown features new Ford, Lincoln, Mitsubishi, Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Hyundai, Nissan, Subaru, Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick, and GMC vehicles.

Fred Beans believes reviving the economy starts at home, and changing things locally will lead to changing things nationally.

In addition to the Fred Beans Family of Dealerships' extra inventory, additional vehicles have been acquired for this sale at incredible prices from various banks, repossession companies, auto auctions, credit unions, lease companies, and rental companies.

The sale will make pre-owned vehicles available for as low as **$999**, prices not normally offered to the general public. According to Fred Beans, ***"We want to give our customers a reason to believe in the local economy again. Someone has to look out for their best interest."***

Customers are encouraged to arrive and register by 8:15AM to inspect the entire inventory and find the car that's right for them. Every vehicle will be cleaned, detailed, and fully prepared for instant delivery. On the evening of March 14th, after the close of business, Mr. Beans and his team will mark the special sale price on each and every vehicle.

Because Fred Beans' customers are feeling the credit crunch right now, the Fred Beans Automotive Group has given the dealerships' financing managers the resources necessary to get most customers' credit approved on the spot.

The Fred Beans Family of Dealerships has $10 million in lending power, the result of over 50 years of strong relationships with the area's leading lenders. This means that customers with "less-than-perfect" credit history can have their credit approved and drive home a quality pre-owned car, truck, or SUV by lunchtime on Saturday.

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Customers wishing to trade in a vehicle are asked to bring their title or payment book for immediate delivery. Fred Beans will even pay off your trade-in in full, no matter how much you still owe on it.*

Most of these surplus pre-owned vehicles will get sent directly to auto auctions for liquidation. So if anyone has been thinking about purchasing a good, clean, dependable pre-owned car, truck, van, or sport utility vehicle, don't miss this special **ONE DAY ONLY** sale.

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South Jersey

Local rapper's trial interrupted by outburst

The trial of rapper Real Threat, born Vonte Skinner, of Burlington County, New Jersey, was set to continue Friday, despite a disruption caused by Skinner yelling at the man he is accused of shooting and paralyzing to "stop [expletive] lying."

Vonte "Real Threat" Skinner
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Skinner, 36, is charged with attempted murder for the 2005 shooting of Lamont Peterson, who is now wheelchair-bound. Skinner stood up and shouted Wednesday while Peterson was testifying, reports say.

Skinner was previously convicted on the charges in 2008, but the verdict was overturned because prosecutors used Skinner's rap lyrics to help convict him.

The lyrics included the lines "A [obscenity] wouldn't listen so I hit him with the Smith &/ Hauled off 15 rounds, seven missed him; Two to the mask and six to the ribs, lifted and flipped him."

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Philly Jesus seen again

Warmer temps brought bearded Christ imitator Mike Grant, aka Philly Jesus, back to LOVE Park to preach to passersby on Thursday. "Thank God the wintertime blues are over.. Hallelujah!!!" Philly Jesus wrote via Facebook.

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The contest will take place at Friends' Central, 1101 City Avenue in Wynnewood. It will begin at 10:30 a.m.

About a dozen teams from Philadelphia-area middle and high schools will compete in the first-ever Philadelphia Rube Goldberg Machine Contest on Saturday.

The goal: erase a chalkboard ... the hard way.

"It's creative thinking taken to an extreme," said organizer Victor Fiorillo, an editor and senior reporter at Philadelphia magazine.

Most people are familiar with Rube Goldberg machines from old Tom & Jerry cartoons — those multistep contraptions that accomplish a simple task through numerous steps.

Fiorillo, the parent of two children ages 7 and 9, says he had been interested in starting a spelling bee or other academic contest until catching a segment about the national Rube Goldberg contest on "CBS Sunday Morning." He was hooked.

"You are always looking for ways to entertain your children that don't have anything to do with SpongeBob or PlayStation," he said.

Building the machines is hard, and Fiorillo emphasizes some of the machines may not succeed. Contestants get a few points for being able to complete the task, but they are also judged on humor, whimsy and storytelling.

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Five things you need to know

1 Obama budget would shrink deficits by $1.2 trillion over 10 years: CBO

President Obama's fiscal 2016 budget proposal would shrink U.S. deficits by $1.232 trillion over 10 years compared to those expected under current tax and spending laws, the Congressional Budget Office said on Thursday.

The deficit reduction, although smaller than that claimed by the White House, is largely due to Obama's proposals for higher taxes on the wealthy, his plans for lower spending on military operations in Afghanistan and net savings from proposed immigration reforms, the CBO said.

For fiscal 2016, the first full year under Obama's fiscal blueprint if Congress were to adopt it, the deficit would fall to $380 billion from $455 billion, the CBO's latest forecast under current laws.

But Congress routinely casts aside the president's budget request and passes its own budget and spending bills. Next week, Republican-controlled budget committees in the House and Senate intend to unveil their own proposals for budgets that eliminate deficits within 10 years, with deep spending cuts expected for some federal benefits programs. REUTERS

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2 Nemtsov killing exposes cracks in Kremlin unity

The killing of Russian opposition figure Boris Nemtsov within sight of the Kremlin has exposed rarely seen tensions between different camps inside President Vladimir Putin's system of rule.

No outsiders can know with any certainty what is happening behind the red-brick walls of the Kremlin, but some of Nemtsov's associates say his shooting is being used by one faction to send Putin a message that they are unhappy and need to be reckoned with. REUTERS

NEMTSOV SIGN /GETTY IMAGES

3 Cold weather chills retail sales in US

U.S. retail sales fell in February as harsh weather kept consumers from auto showrooms and shopping malls, tempering the outlook for first-quarter growth.

Even accounting for the snowy and cold weather, which blanketed much of the country in late February, there is little doubt that consumer spending has slowed significantly after robust growth in the fourth quarter. Consumer spending accounts for more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activity. REUTERS

4 Okla. football team seeks punishment for racist video

The University of Oklahoma's football team has suspended practice for a week in protest against a racist video linked to a fraternity and called for punishment of its leadership, players said.

The video was shot on a bus chartered for a date night by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and posted online on Sunday. Students are seen and heard chanting in unison, using offensive language referring to blacks and vowing never to admit them to the fraternity. REUTERS

Oklahoma U / GETTY IMAGES

5 The Rev. Willie Barrow, civil rights leader, dies at 90

The Rev. Willie T. Barrow, a Chicago civil rights leader known as the "Little Warrior" for her small stature and determination to fight for equality, died on Thursday at age 90 at her Chicago home.

Barrow had started her career in the civil rights movement when she was just 12 years old, demanding to be allowed to ride on an all-white school bus in her native Texas. She became an organizer for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and marched with him in Washington and in Selma, Alabama. REUTERS

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Caught. Girls helped into Syria by spy from US-led coalition

A spy who worked for a country in the U.S.-led coalition that is fighting Islamic State had helped three British girls to cross into Syria to join the militants and has been caught, the Turkish foreign minister said on Thursday.

The minister, Mevlut Cavusoglu, told broadcaster A Haber in an interview: "He was caught. It turned out to be someone who works for the intelligence of a country from the coalition."

He didn't say which country the spy was working for, but said it was not the European Union or the United States. The coalition also includes countries such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain, Australia and Canada.

A European security source familiar with the case of the three girls said the person in question had a connection with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) spy agency.

A Canadian government source in Ottawa said the person was not a Canadian citizen and was not employed by CSIS. The source did not respond when asked whether the person had been working for CSIS.

The spy agency did not respond to requests for comment. The office of Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said it did not comment on operational matters.

REUTERS

Teens at Gatwick Airport before boarding a flight to Turkey.
METROPOLITAN POLICE HANDOUT

Manhunt continues for person who ambushed policemen in Ferguson

Demonstrators. Protesters at the scene insisted the shots came from farther away.

Police officials conduct an investigation in the neighborhood near the area of the shooting. / GETTY IMAGES

The shooting of two police officers during a protest rally in Ferguson, Missouri, sparked an intense manhunt for suspects on Thursday and ratcheted up tensions in a city at the center of a national debate over race and policing.

President Barack Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder condemned the attack on the officers, who were treated at a local hospital and released. Hours after the shooting, police said they were questioning an undisclosed number of people following a raid on a home in the St. Louis suburb.

With organizers vowing more protests on Thursday night, St. Louis County police and the state's Highway Patrol will take over security from the local force at any demonstrations.

The incident unfolded while protesters were gathered at Ferguson police headquarters to demand more changes in the wake of the resignation of its long-criticized police chief, Tom Jackson, who quit a week after the release of a scathing U.S. Justice Department report that found his force was rife with racial bias. REUTERS

Cops shot

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Two police officers were shot: a 41-year-old St. Louis County Police officer with a shoulder wound and a 32-year-old officer from nearby Webster Groves Police Department with a bullet lodged near his ear, St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said.

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Can humans manipulate the weather to save the planet?

Earth. Scientists are investigating ways we could save the planet from climate change.

With global warming continually wreaking havoc upon our planet's environment, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), a U.S. government-sponsored scientific organization, last month demanded more research be done on geoengineering — the deliberate large-scale intervention, or manipulation, in the Earth's natural systems to counteract climate change. The call has generated significant debate between those are in favor of using such technology and those who believe it will put our planet more at risk.

Waleed Abdalati, panel member of NAS, explained to Metro that mankind and Earth are on a climate trajectory that will continue to present challenges to society and that NAS believes, however, the risks of not understanding climate intervention are greater than the risk associated with knowing it, which is why they recommend more studies on the contentious topic.

While the notion of geoengineering may seem straight out of a sci-fi movie script, some scientists have begun to conduct small-scale experiments to intervene climate in order to reduce the significant damage that global warming is causing the entire planet. The two main actions that scientists are investigating are carbon dioxide removal to reduce the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere, and solar radiation management, which promises lower temperatures by reflecting sunlight away from the Earth's surface.

Geoengineering is deliberate large-scale intervention in the Earth's natural systems to counteract climate change. / CREATIVE COMMONS FLICKR

Some experts believe that these techniques could help combat climate change in an urgent manner, but recognize that studies on this are in the very embryonic stages. "Solar geoengineering, technologies that deliberately increase the Earth's reflectivity scattering some sunlight back to space to reduce climate change, could be combined with emissions cuts to provide a more effective way to produce to reduce risks of climate change this century," David Keith, professor of public policy at Harvard Kennedy School and an expert in climate science, told Metro.

Other specialists are more skeptical over the rewards geoengineering claims to bring, seeing it as a distraction that wastes time while the planet and people continue to suffer the effects of climate change. METRO WORLD NEWS

Quoted

"Research that has been done suggests that geoengineering looks like a bad idea. The models suggest that geoengineering would hurt some people disastrously, by wreaking havoc with their weather."

Jack Stilgoe, lecturer in science and technology at University College London, and author of a new book on the topic "Experiment Earth."

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Novelist. Terry Pratchett, author of fantasy 'Discworld,' dies at 66

British fantasy/science fiction authors Sir Terry Pratchett / GETTY IMAGES

Terry Pratchett, the British author whose fantasy novels sold in the tens of millions worldwide, has died of a form of Alzheimer's disease at age 66, his publisher said on Thursday.

Pratchett died at home surrounded by his family with his cat sleeping on his bed, Transworld Publishers said. He campaigned during his final illness for legalizing assisted death.

The author, who wore a trademark broad-brimmed black hat, was diagnosed in 2007 with posterior cortical atrophy, a progressive degenerative condition. Continuing to write, he completed his last book, a new Discworld novel, in the summer of 2014 before succumbing to the final stages of the disease.

Pratchett gave numerous interviews and lectures in which he spoke frankly about his disease — and his love of 16th century English composer Thomas Tallis.

"I would like to die peacefully with Thomas Tallis on my iPod before the disease takes me over and I hope that will not be for quite some time to come, because if I knew that I could die at any time I wanted, then suddenly every day would be as precious as a million pounds," he said in 2010.

Literary figures expressed their sadness. Canadian author Margaret Atwood wrote: "I vastly enjoyed his playful, smart Discworld books."

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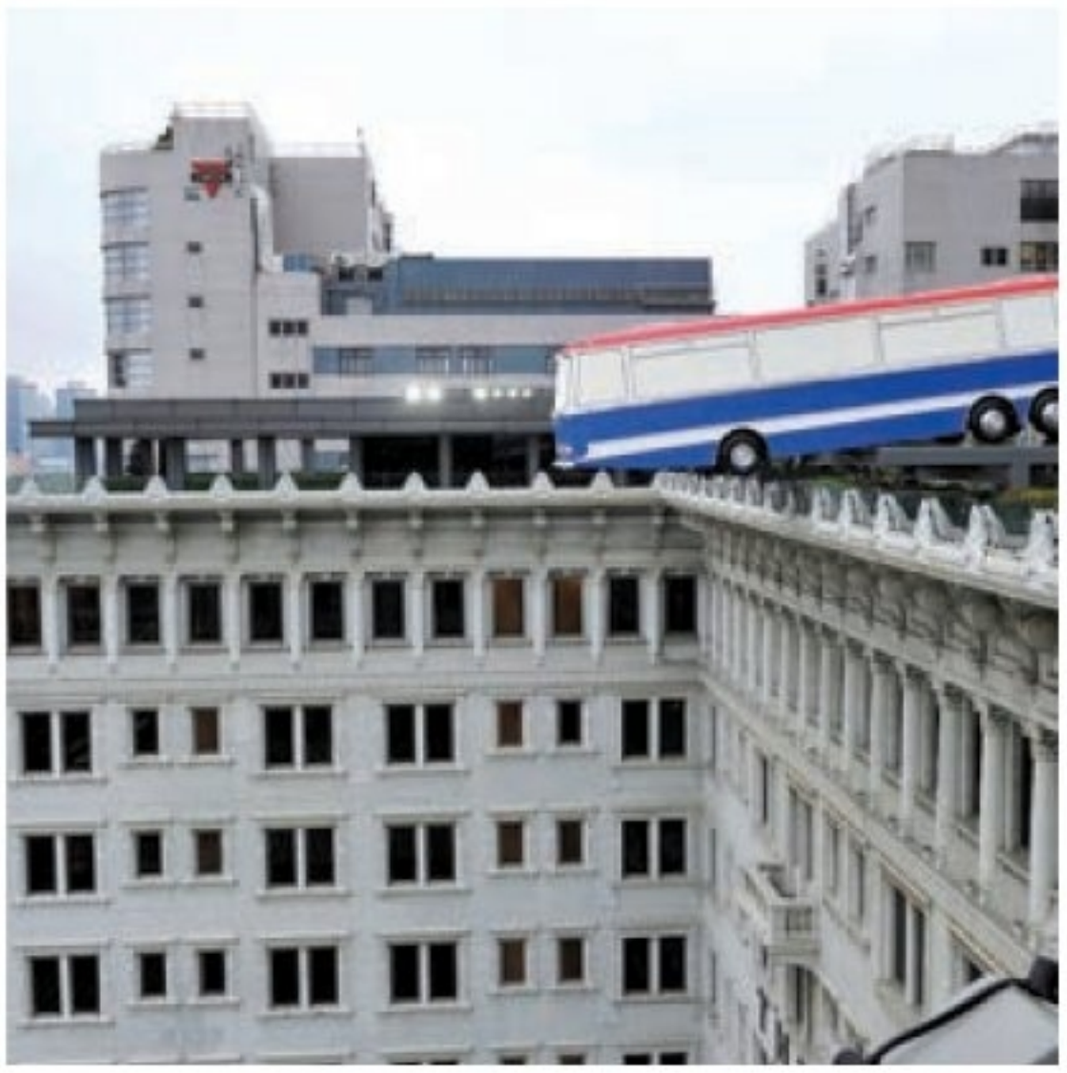

Bus appears to be teetering on the edge

Royal Academy of Arts artist Richard Wilson's work "Hang On A Minute Lads, I've Got A Great Idea" features a full-sized replica coach bus that appears to be teetering on the edge of The Peninsula hotel in Hong Kong. The art installation is based on a scene from the movie "The Italian Job." / GETTY IMAGES

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How to de-stress your family life

Quality time.
Get happy by getting organized, says Travis Stork of "The Doctors."

TRAVIS STORK
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For many parents, the typical week is often a blur of work, rushing their children to school and activities, hurried meals and late nights — a combination that leaves every member of the family cranky, exhausted and emotionally disconnected.

Dr. Travis Stork wants to assure moms and dads out there that there is a better way. "Without question, you have to have a plan in place," says Stork, an emergency room physician and one of the hosts of the popular talk show "The Doctors."

Stork is working with Kellogg's to give families pointers on how to make their days go more smoothly. He chatted with us about some ways to give time-crunched families a chance to reconnect and be healthier.

1 Plan ahead: There's nothing worse than coming home after a long day and having no idea what to prepare for dinner. "Some parents will put together a meal sheet for the week ahead," says Stork. "If nothing else, don't let the next day get ahead of you."

Part of the planning process is to block out time to shop for the whole week's worth of groceries and create to-do lists.

2 Define quality time: "It's easy to lose track of how much time we spend on things," he notes. "List out what your true priorities are." And then make time for them by accounting for where your time goes: "For something like watching TV, you may be spending more time on that than you realize."

3 Make time for yourself: "Planning for yourself is not selfish," Stork reminds us. "As an ER doctor, I've seen that if you don't plan for yourself, you could cut your life short."

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Your arts guide

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RACHEL VIGODA, EDITOR

SPRING INTO ART

Guide. Look inside for our picks on how to get your dose of culture this season.

See Baby and Johnny finally master that lift in "Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story on Stage" at the Academy of Music, from March 24 through April 5. / MATTHEW MURPHY

Why the Bard 'knew best'

In the forest

The plot

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is a mistaken-identity comedy about four Athenians who wander into an enchanted forest: Demetrius loves Hermia, Hermia loves Lysander, Lysander loves her back, and Helena loves Demetrius. They cross paths with a band of fairies, including the fairy king and queen and a servant with an ill-advised love potion, and a group of bumbling craftsmen rehearsing a play.

Famous line: "The course of true love never did run smooth."

Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" runs April 3 to May 17 (opening night is April 8) at 2111 Sansom St. Tickets are $20 to $35 at www.phillyshakespeare.org. / JOHN BANSEMER

Theater. Director Carmen Khan promises you won't have trouble following this "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Some directors tackling a Shakespeare play for stage or screen decide to update the language or setting to make it more familiar: giving Leonardo DiCaprio's Romeo a gun instead of a sword. But Carmen Khan, director of the Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre, which she founded almost 20 years ago, prefers to stick with as strict an interpretation as possible.

We spoke with her while she was preparing a production of the comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream," running next month — after a year of Khan and cast figuring out just what Shakespeare was trying to say.

When you're approaching a play that's been done so many times, is it important to give it your own spin?

Our theater has a specific way of approaching Shakespeare. We spend about a year analyzing the text line by line, to try to find out what Shakespeare is saying. Each of his plays is a meditation on something, and he takes that and looks at it from many angles, and our production evolves out of that. We don't try to take the text and make it a personal statement or a social commentary. We think that Shakespeare knew best. The richest source of inspiration is his text — I'm the humble servant trying to bring it forth. [Laughs]

So what is "Midsummer" a meditation on?

Erotic fascination. All these different plots and subplots, all the characters — it's looking at that in many ways: backwards, turned around. By the time you get to the end, it's created this rich tapestry. It's like a symphony.

You also work with high schools to bring students to the productions. How do you make the plays accessible to them — and the rest of us who sometimes find Shakespeare difficult to follow?

That's something we work really hard on. If you come to the play, after a couple of seconds you'll be acclimated to the language. My goal is for you to understand every single word and action of the play. It takes a lot of detail work, a lot of time studying the text and in rehearsal. It takes time to gain that technical prowess. People often think that Shakespeare is Old English, but it's modern English. It's just the way he uses words that jolts your brain.

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This world premiere of a new play by InterAct Theatre Company favorite Thomas Gibbons explores the ethical implications of artificial intelligence.
April 3-26, InterAct Theatre Company, 2030 Sansom St., 215-568-8079, www.interact theatre.org

'brownsville song (b-side for tray)'

Philadelphia Theatre Company presents Kimber Lee's Brooklyn-set play about a family grappling with the death of a young man cut down by a random act of violence.
May 1-31, Suzanne Roberts Theatre, 480 S. Broad St., 215-985-0420, www.philadelphia theatrecompany.org

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Set in 1950s Memphis, the crucible of rock and roll, this Broadway musical tells the story of a radio DJ and a nightclub singer, with music by Bon Jovi keyboardist David Bryan.
May 12-July 12, Walnut Street Theatre, 825 Walnut St., 215-574-3550, www.walnutstreet theatre.org

Your guide to the arts

35 things to see, hear and applaud in Phiily this spring.

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Lindsay Smiling, Zainab Jah, Ed Swidey and Sarah Gliko study fencing for "Hamlet." / ALEXANDER IZILIAEV

THEATER

'Hamlet'

The Wilma's production of the Shakespeare classic will be followed by Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," both directed by artistic director Blanka Zizka with the goal of developing a resident company of artists.
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Always-inventive theater artist Thaddeus Phillips brings Barry Seal, the character he's played for the past two years in a Colombian telenovela, for a prelude to his piece in this year's Fringe Fest.
May 14-16, FringeArts, 140 N. Columbus Blvd., 215-413-1318, www.fringearts.com

'The Three Christs of Manhattan'

InterAct artistic director Seth Rozin premieres his new play, an absurdist comedy in which three alleged Saviors drop in on an atheist Jewish psychiatrist.
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FILM

Babette Mangolte: Camera Studies

I-House presents a series featuring work by director, cinematographer, and documentarian Babette Mangolte, who will also join a panel discussion on April 1. The series includes work by collaborators Chantal Akerman and Sally Potter.
March 20-April 2, International House, 3701 Chestnut St., 215-387-5125, www.ihousephilly.org

PJFF CineMondays

The Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival presents its annual spring series, offering six local premieres on Monday evenings through early May. This year's fest includes "Mr. Kaplan," Uruguay's entry for the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar, and the documentary "The Muses of Isaac Bashevis Singer."
March 23-May 4, 215-545-4400, www.gershmany.org

Cinedelphia Film Festival

This year's festival of Philly-centric film programming focuses on the theme of the outsider, opening with "Vietnam Appreciation Day," a documentary on local Vietnam war reenactors.
April 9-25, PhilaMOCA, 531 N. 12th St., www.cinedelphiafilmfestival.com

eX-Fest

Exhumed Films' other annual festival is its less endurance-testing alternative to the 24-hour Horrorthon, offering 12 hours of films from non-horror cult genres: obscure action, martial arts, sci-fi and exploitation flicks.
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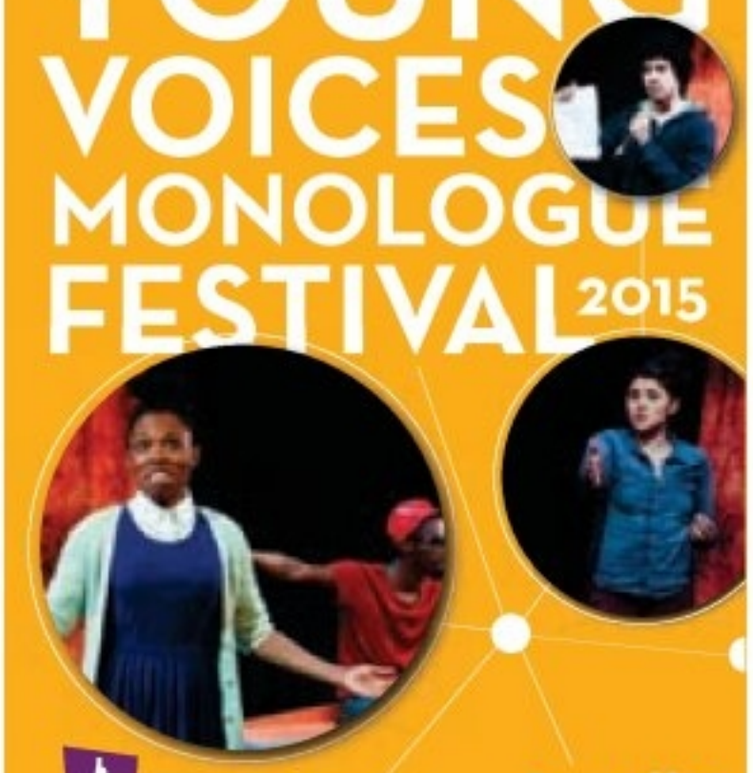

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MUSIC

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March 29, Kimmel Center, Broad & Spruce Sts., 215-893-1999, www.kimmelcenter.org

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MUSIC

Regina Carter

On her latest album, "Southern Comfort," violinist Regina Carter combines influences from blues, gospel, spiritual, and folk music with jazz to explore her southern roots.
March 28, Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut St., 215-898-3900, www.annenbergcenter.org

Chick Corea and Herbie Hancock

Be treated to a rare duo performance from two of jazz's most monumental pianists, both Miles Davis alumni.
April 11, Academy of Music, 240 S. Broad St., 215-893-1999, www.kimmelcenter.org

Gregoire Maret

The Swiss-born harmonica player has raised the profile of the deceptively simple mouth harp in jazz circles, his eloquent melodies make him an in-demand sideman for many of the music's leading names.
April 18, Montgomery County Community College, 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, 215-641-6518, www.mc3.edu/livelyarts

The Heart of Light and Dark

Network for New Music, Curtis Institute of Music and the Print Center come together to present this program of new compositions exploring the notion of light and dark in emotional and spiritual terms, including a commission by composer Michael Hersch inspired by printmaker Michael Mazur.
April 19, Gould Hall, Curtis Institute of Music, 1616 Locust St., 215-848-7647, www.networkfornewmusic.org

Philadelphia Orchestra

The Orchestra culminates its 40/40 series, presenting works that they haven't performed in the last four decades, with Leonard Bernstein's rarely performed MASS, which will feature a collaboration with local singers and dancers for a full theatrical production.
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Crossroads presents the mesmerizing Mauritanian singer, griot and master of the ardine, a nine-string harp reserved to be used only by women.
May 3, Crossroads Music, 801 South 48th St., 215-729-1028, www.crossroadsconcerts.org

MUSIC

PRISM Quartet

The Philly-based saxophone quartet follows its 30th anniversary season with three more concerts of newly commissioned work, including pieces by jazz artists Uri Caine, Chris Potter and Ravi Coltrane and composers Julia Wolfe, Michael Daugherty and Leilei Tian.
April 16-June 9, www.prismquartet.com

Saxophone quartet Prism has three concerts coming up. / JON ROHRER

Josh Lawrence, Jason Fraticelli and Anwar Marshall of Fresh Cut will play the Center City Jazz Festival.
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MUSIC

Center City Jazz Festival

In its fourth year, the increasingly popular fest presents local big band the Fresh Cut Orchestra; Surface To Air, a jazz trio featuring Indian hand percussion; and guitarist Matt Davis' chamber-jazz ensemble Aerial Photograph among others, spread among four Center City venues.
April 25, www.ccjazzfest.com

Lenuta Ciulei

The Romanian-born classical violinist, youngest-ever winner of the Paganini International Violin Competition, makes her PCMS debut with a program of works by Romanian composer George Enescu.
May 4, Settlement Music School, 416 Queen St., 215-569-8080, www.pcmsconcerts.org

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May 14, Philadelphia Art Alliance, 251 S. 18th St., www.arsnovaworkshop.com

ART

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May 15-Nov. 1, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, 118-128 N. Broad St., 215-972-7600, www.pafa.org

MUSIC

Zakir Hussain's Celtic Connections

The renowned tabla player brings his latest project to the Bride, a unique combination of Indian and Celtic musicians.
March 27, Painted Bride Art Center, 230 Vine St., 215-925-9914, www.paintedbride.org

MUSIC

Dali Quartet

Philadelphia Orchestra principal clarinetist Ricardo Morales joins the Venezuela-born string quartet for an afternoon of music from Spain and Latin America.
April 12, Philadelphia Museum of Art, 26th Street & Ben Franklin Pkwy., 215-569-8080, www.pcmsconcerts.org

Dali Quartet will perform at the PMA. / PROVIDED

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The Philadelphia Museum of Art looks beyond Ikea to survey Scandinavian design from the 1900 World's Fair to the present.
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OPERA

'Don Carlo'

Opera Philadelphia brings Philly

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Tabla player Zakir Hussain will be at the Painted Bride. / JIM MCGUIRE

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Frances Galante's "Hanging Pheasant" will be on display at Woodmere. / RICK ECHELMEYER

ART

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This exhibit is from atmospheric realist painter, a Temple grad who has been a longtime teacher at the Chestnut Hill art museum.
April 4-June 7, Woodmere Art Museum, 9201 Germantown Ave., 215-247-0476, www.woodmereartmuseum.org

DANCE

Pilobolus Dance Theater

The playfully gymnastic dance troupe returns with a new work to close out Dance Celebration's 2014/15 season.
May 7-10, Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut St., 215-898-3900, www.annenbergcenter.org

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native bass-baritone Eric Owens home to star in Verdi's classic opera involving a love triangle swirling around a contentious treaty between France and Spain.
April 24-May 3, Academy of Music, 240 S. Broad St., 215-732-8400, www.operaphila.org

DANCE

Waheed Works Presents Botch

Philadelphia choreographer Tommie-Waheed Evans debuts his latest modern dance piece, invoking the age-old struggle between darkness and light.
April 10, Painted Bride Art Center, 230 Vine St., 215-925-9914, www.paintedbride.org

Pennsylvania Ballet

The company pays tribute to "West Side Story" choreographer Jerome Robbins with two comedic works: "Fancy Free," about WWII sailors on leave in NYC, and "The Concert," set at a piano recital.
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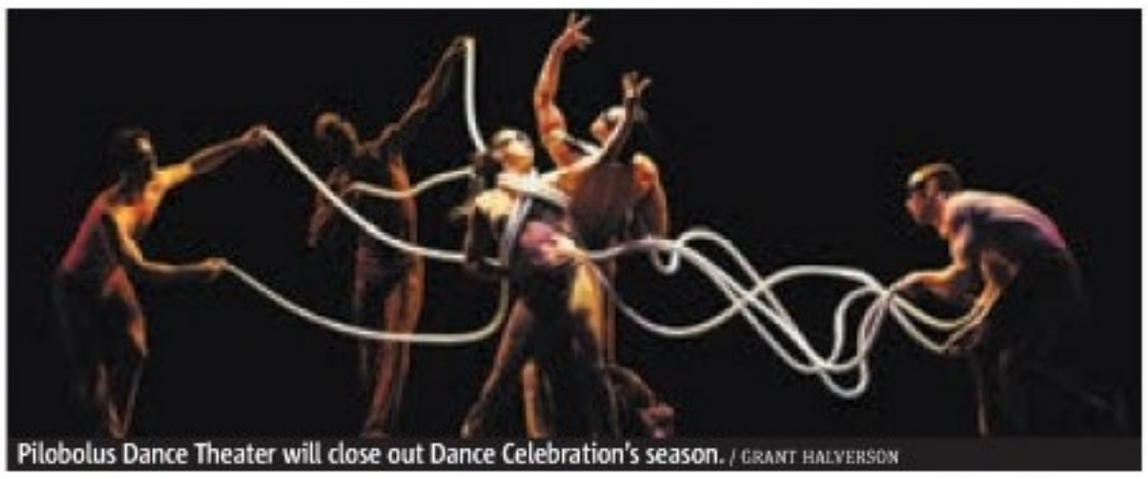

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DANCE

Rubberbandance

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Shelley Spector's "Keep the Home Fires Burning" is at the Art Museum through Sept. 27. Access to the exhibit is included with general admission ($20). / CONSTANCE MENSH FOR THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Quoted

"The symbols referenced ideas that all people want, that all people hope for: peace, love, family, fertility. These are things that are universal, that are valued in a lot of cultures." Spector

Art. Shelley Spector's new installation at the PMA uses pieces discovered across the city.

What you see is not necessarily what you get at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

In addition to the countless works on view in the galleries, there's a hidden treasure buried in the museum's belly, where additional pieces wait for their turn.

The embroidered tapestry that Shelley Spector happened across had never even been on view. Intricately embroidered with Pennsylvania German folk symbols, the fabric was actually a "show towel," a decorative handicraft meant for display rather than everyday use. Spector discovered that the towel was designed by Frances Lichten and stitched by her mother around the turn of the century.

This towel became the centerpiece of Spector's own site-specific installation at the PMA, "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

"The symbols referenced ideas that all people want, that all people hope for: peace, love, family, fertility," says Spector of the piece. "These are things that are universal, that are valued in a lot of cultures."

A lifelong Philadelphian, Spector is known for her innovative, organic use of found objects. For this installation, she gathered materials for a year and a half, picking up pieces everywhere from farmer's markets to thrift stores, then piecing them together with the help of her mother at her studio on Fabric Row.

The result is an installation of wood and fabric sculptures that feels at once like a tumble through Wonderland and a stroll through Philadelphia. Incorporating symbols of German, Indian and Jewish traditions, there's a motley cohesiveness and ingrained warmness to the work. While the found nature of the materials subtly hints at a participatory element, some pieces — such as a coin-hungry wishing well — expressly ask for the viewer's involvement.

"It's a chance to think about what you hope for," says Spector of the well. "What we all hope for, what we all wish for."

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Disney movie. New 'Cinderella' is probably unnecessary but is definitely deeply felt

The lowdown: Disney dusts off their 1950 animated classic, reimagining it as a live action-plus-CGI deal, with "Downton Abbey"'s Lily James as a downtrodden waif with an evil stepmother (Cate Blanchett) who learns she has a fairy godmother (Helena Bonham Carter) who may help her snag the hottie single prince (Richard Madden).

The lowdown: There's no earth-quaking reason a straightforward retelling of an oft-told tale needs to exist. And yet a simple retelling feels oddly radical in an age of fractured fairy tale riffs on the classics — where even mean old Maleficent from "Sleeping Beauty" has to be a secret goodie. Watching it is like seeing a mounting of Shakespeare that does the period just and doesn't modernize it or set it in Nazi Germany or in space.

It's a lovingly mounted telling of an oft-told tale, done earnestly and with great care and deep feeling by "American Pie" writer Chris Weitz and director Kenneth Branagh, neither of whom lets current trends distract from keeping a classic story alive.

Actually, that's not entirely true. It does fill in characters that are often treated as ciphers. Even mean stepmother Lady Tremaine — a grieving widow struggling to survive in a patriarchal kingdom — has moments of empathy. And by dwelling more on Cinderella's past and her loss, and on her resilience in the face of constant humiliations, Branagh's take turns her optimism and pluck into a kind of strength — a mighty push-back against forces intended to destroy her. You can see this on James' expressive face and in her body language — someone who quietly, modestly, patiently fights back and will win through decency, not pettiness. There are handsome palaces and forests and computer animated renderings of squeaking mice and geese turning into Cinderella's party entourage. But the real reason to see it is the humans. **MATT PRIGGE**

Review

'Cinderella'

Director: Kenneth Branagh

Stars: Lily James, Cate Blanchett

Rating: PG

Lily James takes on the title role in Disney's lavish live-action version of "Cinderella." / JONATHAN OLLEY

Holliday Grainger, Cate Blanchett and Sophie McShera in Disney's live-action feature "Cinderella." / JONATHAN OLLEY

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Keeping it real

Interview. The star of the new 'Cinderella' likes that it's not a smart-aleck fractured fairy tale.

"Downton Abbey"'s Lily James takes on the title role in Disney's lavish remake of their animated classic "Cinderella." / JONATHAN OLLEY

Lily James didn't think she'd be Cinderella. When she auditioned for Disney's redo of their 1950 animated classic, the onetime Lady Rose MacClare on "Downton Abbey" was expecting one of the supporting roles. Instead she got Ella, the daughter of a nobleman (Ben Chaplin) who, after his death, winds up at the mercy of his wicked second wife (Cate Blanchett), who renames her Cinderella and makes her life miserable. And James isn't done with period costumes yet: She'll be Elizabeth Bennet in the forthcoming film version of "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies."

You originally went in for one of the wicked stepsisters. It's a bit of a change starting out evil and playing 100 percent lovely.
I didn't think the sisters were evil. I thought they were funny. They're just pathetic. I thought it'd be fun to play them because there's such humor in them. And I liked the idea of playing Cate Blanchett's daughter. The ostensible lead character is a bit quiet, but when I started reading Ella, it felt like there was so much more there than I thought. It sat right. And I decided playing Cate Blanchett's stepdaughter was just as good.

How did you view this incarnation of the character, especially compared to the one in the 1950 version?
I thought she was a strong character, actually — quietly inspiring. In the past in animated films, she's just this princess. She's sweet and talks to animals and sings like an angel, blah blah blah. This version has so much backstory and she has so much strength. You see her struggle and see her grow into a woman. You see her grief, the loss. She's a deep character. There was a lot to explore. If you have a really evil character you explore why they're that way. Ella is so good you just had to do as much exploring to figure out why.

That definitely doesn't happen in the original.
She's quite a passive character. You think, "Why doesn't she fight back?" We still wanted to make her a strong character and find reasons why she does what she does.

One more thing

Not too modern

A lot of fairy tale films take the fractured fairy tale route, like "Maleficent" retelling "Sleeping Beauty" from the perspective of the sympathetic villain. This is a straightforward retelling of the story.
Those films make the story feel fresh and new, but I like that here the change came from within, rather than spinning the story on its head or adding a gimmick. Not that I think that's a bad thing to do; it's great to mix things up. But I love that this is quite a faithful retelling.

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Dark comedy. 'Wild Tales' offers unrelenting, hilarious nastiness seven times through

The title of the Argentine-Spanish film doesn't lie: "Wild Tales" is little more than a series of tales that are in fact wild. A woman discovers everyone on board a plane knows her ex. A "Flashdance"-soundtrack-listening-rich guy engages in a mano-e-mano duel with a blue collar type. A wealthy man finds he's forking out millions to bribe his son out of a hit-and-run rap. A bride discovers her new husband cheated on her minutes into their wedding reception. And so on, seven in all.

Review

'Wild Tales'

Director: Damian Szifron

Stars: Ricardo Darin, Maria Onetto

Rating: NR

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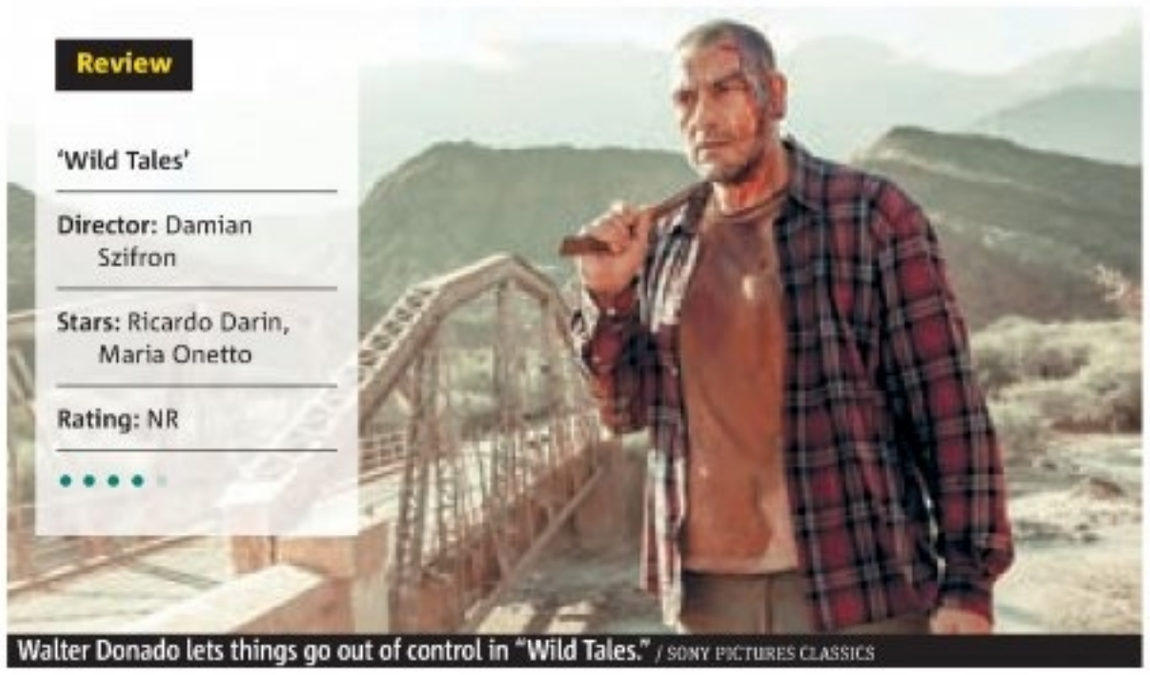

Walter Donado lets things go out of control in "Wild Tales." / SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

The lowdown: These shorts, all made by Damian Szifron, have more in common than wildness. Most involve revenge of some sort. All are darkly comic works of nastiness, and none stop at the easy conclusion; like their protagonist they aren't able to quit at the obvious point, but keep going, piling on another crazed twist or two, or three, or four. They're each models of narrative economy, confident pacing, information parceling and detached, comic tones, observing as people let their reckless emotions steer situations well out of control, resulting in conclusions either hilariously grim or disarmingly joyful. Who cares if they don't tie up in more meaningful ways? Who needs deeper unity?

And yet if one looks — or, it could be said, strains — something else is there. Class often comes into issue, and what ultimately emerges is a look at Argentina's — and most of Western civilization's — societal ills. And the tales are sometimes knottily complicated. Sometimes neither side is in the right. Other times someone's wrong and right simultaneously. If Szifron spent the remainder of his life cranking out compiled shorts, humanity — or the ones that enjoy a good unpleasant yarn — would be the better for it. **MATT PRIGGE**

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Review

'The Cobbler'

Adam Sandler plays the grumpy loner owner of a Lower East Side shoe repair shop that's been in the family for generations. He discovers he has the ability to transform into people, simply by putting on their shoes. And oh what fun he has.

ADAM SANDLER PLAYS AN ANTISOCIAL SHOE REPAIRMAN IN THE SMALL FAIRY TALE, "THE COBBLER."

RLJE, IMAGE ENTERTAINMENT

The lowdown: Every now and then Adam Sandler slips away from his frat-tish cottage industry of lazy jokes made with his friends to do something more challenging, or at least more noble. And yet "The Cobbler," the latest indie trifle by Thomas McCarthy ("The Station Agent," "Win Win"), manages to be less respectable than at least a third of the Happy Madison output. Even as he becomes more aware of a world outside his tiny shop and Sheepshead Bay, Max remains distant and sometimes unpleasant, Sandler barely changing up his mealy-mouthed, grumbly performance. Granted, he doesn't have much support. McCarthy tries as many angles as he can, most of them bad. At first Max is selfish, even boorish. Eventually things take a maudlin turn, when he finds the shoes of his deceased father (Dustin Hoffman) and goes on a super creepy date with his mom (Lynn Cohen). But eventually what dominates the plot is something about gentrification, which has less to do with what's happening now and more a dumb drug subplot that crops up in '80s comedies like "Three Men and a Baby." **MP**

Liam Neeson movie. 'Run All Night' has a solid foundation but is ultimately sloppy

Reinvented "Schindler's List" star Liam Neeson plays a fearsome and self-hating mob enforcer forced to kill the loose cannon son of his old boss (Ed Harris) in order to save his own, estranged son (Joel Kinnaman). Harris sics most of the city's heavies on them, forcing them to run. All. Night.

Liam Neeson (with Joel Kinnaman) crashes a police car in "Run All Night." / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

The lowdown: Liam Neeson fighting romps have two extremes: mindless ("Taken" and its sequels) and dark ("The Grey," "Walk Among the Tombstones"). "Run All Night" wants to be both. It gets dark: Neeson's Jimmy Conlon is a full-blown alky, who lives at the bottom of a bottle of whiskey. And Harris' Shawn is not just a hissable baddie: He's a deeply grieving father who has a right to turn on Jimmy. In the film's best scene, Shawn explains to Jimmy how he wants him to watch his own son die, just so he understands the anguish.

But this is still a modern Liam Neeson picture, and Jimmy's attempts to save his son include car chases, close-quarter beatdowns and an elaborate game of hide-and-seek in a housing project. This is director Jaume Collet-Serra's bag; after all, he directed two superior Neeson outings, "Unknown" and "Non-Stop." And yet Collet-Serra whiffs most of the action, and is not remotely confident segueing between the heavy and the inane. The plot has a solid foundation but the actual plot points tend to be moronic and lazy. It's a frustrating mixed bag: grimy and morally complex one minute and stupid and sloppy the next. That it also has Ed Harris' best work in years only makes it more annoying. **MATT PRIGGE**

Review

'Run All Night'

Director: Jaume Collet-Serra

Stars: Liam Neeson, Joel Kinnaman

Rating: R

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Neo-Western. 'The Salvation' is somewhat enjoyable but largely forgettable overall

Mads Mikkselsen plays a peaceful Denmark-to-Old-American-West transplant who becomes an avenging angel in "The Salvation." / IFC FILMS

Review

'The Salvation'

Director: Kristian Levring

Stars: Mads Mikkelsen, Eva Green

Rating: R

Denmark's Mads Mikkelsen and filmmaker Kristian Levering — plus France's Eva Green and a couple Brits — invade the old American West, with Mikkelsen as an immigrant who kills the bandits who murdered his wife and young son. But that only enrages a gangster (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) and a mute gunslinger (Green).

The lowdown: We live in a culture that demands everything be the best kind of whatever thing it is ever. "The Salvation" doesn't reinvent the wheel. It's a neo-Western that's both a throwback to lean, mean B-Westerns and very modern, which is to say sometimes horrifically, grotesquely violent. One enjoys it the way one enjoys a forgettable genre entry that gets most things right, then largely dissolves from memory.

Indeed, not even Eva Green is very memorable, and "The Salvation" doesn't do enough with the idea of vengeance, only creating a bloody mess. What it gets right is the brutal efficiency. Heinous acts have a blunt, pitiless force with little time for talk. It still slips in humanity. Mikkelsen excels at characters who disappear inside themselves, and he's an unusually anguished Charles Bronson-type. Green may not have much chance to ham it up, as has been her wont in the sequels to "300" and "Sin City," but uses that to her advantage, making her Madelaine a real, tortured character who would rather be anywhere else. This is still a movie with more barrel shots to the head than you can count on both hands, but it's more than a killing machine. **MATT PRIGGE**

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America Ferrera looks for intimacy

Q&A. The actress talks about bad sex scenes and working with her husband on the film 'X/Y.'

America Ferrera plays a New Yorker having relationship problems with her live-in boyfriend, played by her real-life husband, Ryan Piers Williams, in the film "X/Y," now on VOD. / ENTERTAINMENTONE

America Ferrera produced and helped develop "X/Y," an ensemble, indie drama written and directed by her husband, Ryan Piers Williams. But she wasn't always supposed to act in it. In fact, they both did, playing a couple who split in the opening scene after her character, Sylvia, reveals that she cheated on his character, Mark. Not that it reflects any problems with their marriage.

What attracted you to this film?
What compelled me was the search for intimacy, and how that becomes increasingly challenging in a culture where we make constant connections with the outside world. Yet there's this loneliness that doesn't necessarily get remedied by that. [All the characters] are on journeys to find true intimacy, but Sylvia's was much more personal.

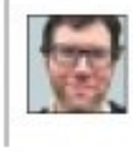
Bonus question

Would you agree that there is more diversity in mainstream entertainment?
There's no doubt we're moving in the right direction. But there's a long way to go. One area I am particularly passionate about is the creation and development of content — not just diversity in front of the camera, but diversity behind it, whether that be people of color or women or people from parts of the country or the world who are not often sharing their experiences. The more people we get behind the camera and tell our stories, the more the nature of what makes it on screen will feel new and fresh and more dimensional. It's not always a question of how many Latinos are on television.

She's very lonely and her journey's very much about her relationship to herself, and how that was stopping her from having true intimacy in her romantic relationships and her friendships. That felt really true for the modern day.

What was it like to work with your husband?
We met working, and working together has always been a big part of our relationship. We thought there would be a built-in intimacy and history in terms of body language — the kind you see in people in a long-term relationship that's hard to fake.

Was it difficult for you to make a dark relationship movie?
We're both people who dive in and make the work feel personal. The relationships depicted aren't by any means biographical, but they are inspired by the challenges we face in our relationship and challenges we've observed other friends facing in theirs. The hope was to hit a nerve and make it feel raw and real to people who are watching it, who can say, "Yep, I recognize that kind of bad sex." [Laughs]



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1 Anonymous targets Kim and Kanye

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You know you've really made it when an enterprising hacker group — or someone claiming to be a member, at least — calls you out by name. Or maybe the folks at Anonymous are just really big Beck fans. In an eight-minute video posted online this week, a masked Anonymous rep calls out Kanye West for his Grammys outburst and regularly stealing "the moment from others who work equally as hard for their recognition." The masked griper saves some ire for Kim Kardashian as well, calling out her name-making sex tape and last year's attempt to break the Internet. But back to West. The video-maker has some unkind words for him in summation: "You're just a new slave that the industry uses to help keep the population in a cycle of stupidity and distraction," he says. This can only have terrible repercussions on West's and Kardashian's egos. We're all doomed.

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2 Liam Neeson almost done with action movies

Liam Neeson's move from prestige actor to action star with the first "Taken" was a bit of a surprise for moviegoers, yet he's settled into a comfortable career kicking butt. But all good things must end. Neeson tells the Guardian that he'll be retiring his particular set of skills in "maybe two more years — if God spares me and I'm healthy. But after that, I'll stop, I think." He doesn't want to bite the fist that feeds him, of course: "I'm not knocking it. It's very flattering. But there is a limit, of course," he says. And apparently he's found it.

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3 Lindsay Lohan's epic Photoshop fail

LINDSAYLOHAN, INSTAGRAM

Lindsay Lohan, the entire Internet is laughing at you. The perpetually troubled starlet posted a leg-baring photo of herself to Instagram, and the first thing anyone noticed was the terrible, terrible job she did manipulating the image. Lohan apparently wanted to thin out her thighs and add some oomph to her rump, but she inadvertently gave the wall and floor behind her some impressive curves as well. The fact that she hasn't had the sense to delete it yet says a lot, too.

4 Wait, Madonna dated Tupac Shakur?

Tupac Shakur, back around the time of the relationship. / GETTY IMAGES

Howard Stern has a knack for getting details out of people, and that even goes for people whom you might've thought were out of secrets. Like Madonna. During an epic, nearly 90-minute interview for his radio show, the Material Girl divulged that she and late rapper Tupac Shakur dated back in 1994, something that comes as news to most of us. "I was mad at [David Letterman] when I said the f-word a lot. I was in a weird mood that day," she says, recounting her infamous "Late Show" appearance. "I was dating Tupac Shakur at the time and the thing is he got me all riled up on life in general. So when I went on the show I was feeling very gangsta." Madonna, for her part, thought the relationship was common knowledge.

Daily video

"Pew! Pew pew!" / THE WATERCOOLER, YOUTUBE

Kids redub the 'Avengers: Age of Ultron' trailer

A lot of Marvel fans have been complaining that the upcoming "Avengers" sequel, "Age of Ultron," has been pushing too dark of a tone. Aren't these things supposed to be fun? Well here's a solution: Have some rambunctious kids redo the dialogue and sound effects, like in this "Kids Lip Dub" video from the Watercooler. It's absolutely adorable. And I'll just say this: The whooshes and sound effects will melt your heart.

Online dating. The only profile available is his own.

This comedian just created a very personalized rival for traditional dating sites. / PROVIDED

New Yorker Brandon Scott Wolf tried Tinder, OkCupid and eHarmony but alas found no luck in love with online dating. So, in a bid to increase the odds in his favour, the Brooklyn-based bartender and comedian set up his own dating website, where the only option is, well, him.

To sign up to DateBrandonScottWolf.com, all you have to do is write an essay describing an accomplishment or event in your life.

"This transition between a joke and a legitimate online dating website is what's specifically interesting for me," Wolf, 25, told Metro.

Why did you create your own site? No luck on Tinder?

I wrote a comedic sketch about two years ago where an average man who's tired of getting lost in the online dating shuffle decides to create an online dating website for himself in order to stand out. After several revisions I decided to insert myself into the script to make the joke more realistic and fun.

How many girls have contacted you so far?

Since the website launched, over 400 people have created profiles – which is 400 more than I was originally expecting. [Laughs] First and foremost though, it's satire – satire that will hopefully help me land a manager/agent and a girlfriend.

Why do the site users have to write an essay?

Why? Because it's hysterical... Also, it gives me a chance to learn more about the people who are creating profiles.

What can willing applicants look forward to?

All I can offer is myself. I'm a guy who is 5'9", like 175 pounds,, and my body type is normal.

You're a comedian so won't people then see the site as a joke?

There are a lot of people who have taken the site seriously and if they seem earnest and genuine I will consider reaching out to go on dates with them.

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Letters to the editor

Congress unwise to sabotage Iran talks

As you may know, 47 Republican senators recently sent a warning letter to Iranian leaders threatening to blow up any diplomatic deal negotiated by President Obama. This letter wasn't just bad politics — it was a dangerous attempt to undermine negotiations with Iran. The leader of the letter, Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR), has explicitly stated that the goal of congressional action is to make talks with Iran fail.

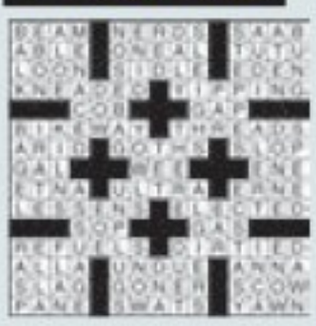
This is disrespectful, dangerous, and reckless. These Republicans should be held accountable. I hope no Democrat joins them in blowing up the president's diplomatic efforts and putting us on a path to war.

The chance represented by the Iran talks is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to resolve one of America's biggest security concerns without dropping a single bomb or risking an American life.

If Congress kills these negotiations or vetoes a final deal, Iran is likely to unfreeze its nuclear program, which means either Iran gets a nuclear bomb or we have to fight another war in the Middle East. The way to avoid those awful outcomes is for Congress to let diplomacy work!

ROBERT GREENAGE, VIA EMAIL

Thursday's answer



PAGING SENATOR LEBOWSKI

Opinion

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It's good that Walter Sobchak of Big Lebowski fame is not hanging out in our nation's capital these days, because you can bet your bowling shoes he'd be running up Pennsylvania Avenue bellowing, "Has the whole world gone crazy? Am I the only one around here who gives a sh*t about the rules?"

The answers, btw, would be 1) yes and 2) apparently.

The D.C. crowd is breaking rules (written and un) faster than the Dude can down a White Russian. Congressional Republicans are firing off letters to Iranian pen pals as if time-honored protocols are drivel. Hillary Clinton is skipping around "private email" questions as nimbly as an Irish step dancer. And President Obama's attempt to circumvent Congress with executive action on immigration is still being blocked by the courts as possibly improper.

Sure, they all have explanations, and you may be thinking "Rules, schmools, they're politicians!" But trust in government, which Pew Research says was at 77 percent back in 1964, nose dived under Nixon and aside from a brief blip after 9/11 has not been above 50 percent since. In the past few years it has hovered in the teens and '20's. One recent poll found voters more likely to trust a Pomeranian than their elected reps. Not really, but it wouldn't surprise me.

All of this matters because when enough voters don't trust the people for whom they vote, eventually every election is disputed, every leader is stink-eyed, every law is suspect, and pretty soon Robin Thicke and Pharrell are ripping off Marvin Gaye…or something like that. For all the rancorous rule-breaking in D.C. these days, I don't think either side wants the situation to deteriorate that badly.

That's why, as much as partisans may enjoy political victories for their side, even they should object to what we are seeing now. Because when leaders left, right, and middle start cracking the rules with abandon, the only real winners are the cynics who say we cannot trust democracy itself.

And as Walter says, "That rug really tied the room together."

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Horoscope

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Take a moment to catch your breath. Someone too lazy to deal with small but important details will take advantage of your capabilities. Protect your interests.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
Attending a seminar or surfing the Internet will give you a sense of what you want to do and how to reach your goals. It's up to you to follow through.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
Don't be fooled by the hype someone is pushing about an investment. Use your common sense and protect your interests rather than give someone else the right to play with your money.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
You will need certain questions answered in order to trust a situation or person. Don't jump to conclusions or make decisions until you have all the facts.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Focus on your accomplishments, not your failures. Put all your effort into whatever job you are given if you want to impress onlookers. End your day with a celebration or special treat.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Do the things you enjoy most. Let your creativity flourish. You will have the competitive edge if you put your best foot forward and display your attributes.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Avoid turmoil by getting out and doing something independently. Take in a show or go shopping for something that will add to your comfort or appearance, but don't overspend.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Socializing with a wide variety of people will help you get what you want. The more you mingle, the more support you will get. A positive suggestion will lead to a surprising turn of events.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Work hard, even if you don't feel like taking care of the jobs that have piled up. Once you clear the mess, you'll be able to start something.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Begin again by focusing on what's important to you. Don't let anyone talk you out of what you know will bring the best results. Take ownership of your circumstances.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Uncertainty regarding your motives will develop in your allies if you are evasive. If you are up-front, you will get the support you need to pursue your dream.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A sudden change will be a welcome surprise. Put your ideas into motion and help those who are having trouble getting started.

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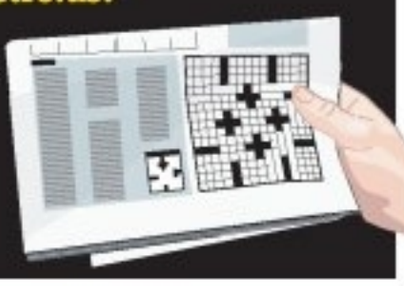

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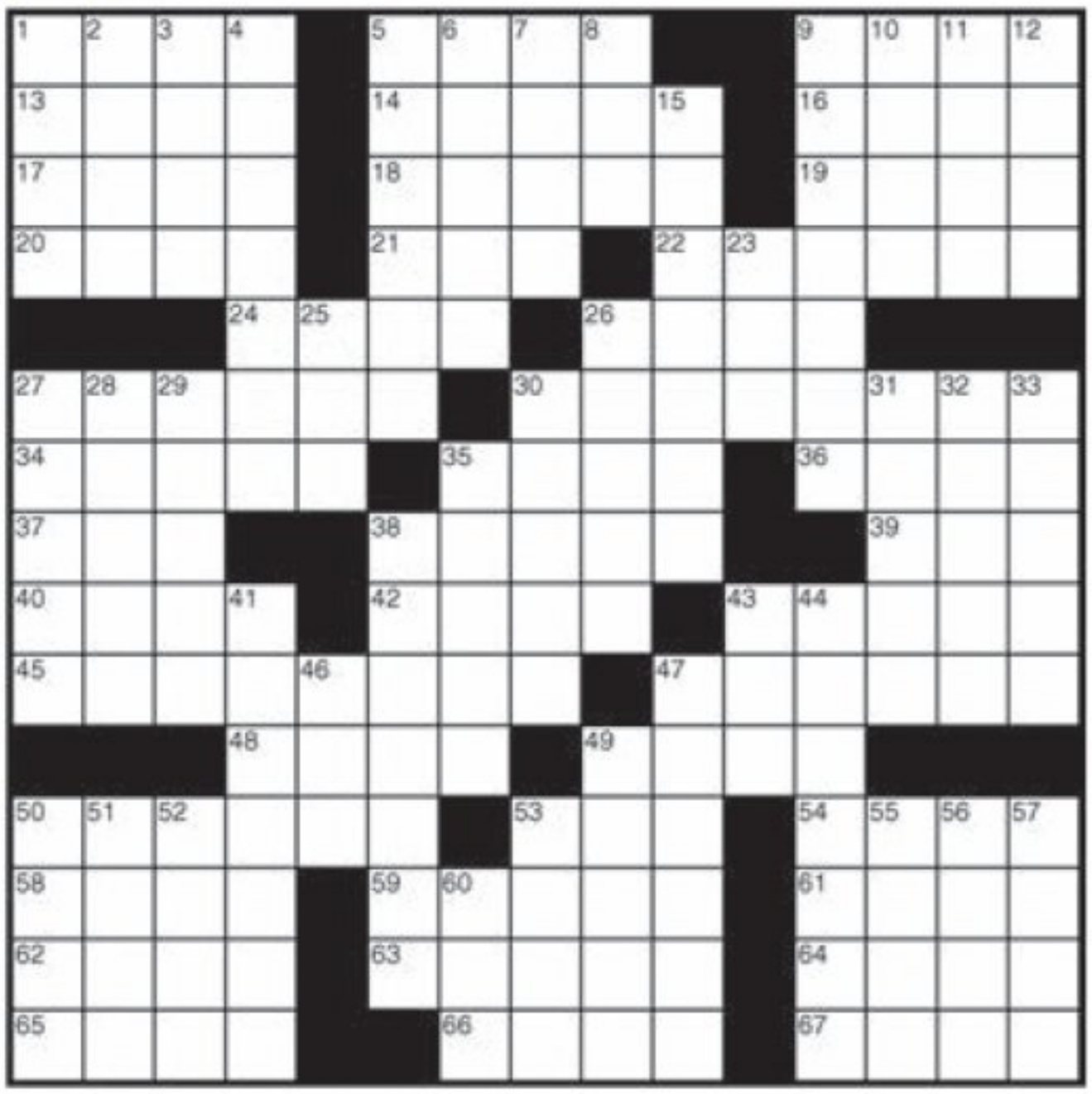

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Eagles add Murray

NFL. The Eagles added last year's rushing champion as Chip Kelly's plan comes into focus.

The Eagles will now line up with the NFL's best rusher two years in a row. / GETTY IMAGES

There has been more running back drama in Philadelphia this week than at any other time in the history of the Eagles.

Starting with last week's shocking trade of Eagles all-time leading rusher LeSean McCoy, the whirlwind saw the Birds agree to terms with Frank Gore (who spurned Philly for Indianapolis), agree to terms with Ryan Mathews, and then go toe-to-toe with division rival Dallas for the services of 2014 rushing champion DeMarco Murray.

Well, it looks like the Eagles won the battle, as Murray touched down in Philadelphia Thursday afternoon with the intent to ink a five-year, $42 million deal with $21 million guaranteed. The guaranteed money is $5.5 million less than McCoy got in Buffalo.

So how did this all transpire? ESPN's Adam Schefter (who reported the terms of the contract) has been reporting since Tuesday that there was high mutual interest between Murray and Philadelphia.

It also just so happened that the Eagles traded for Murray's former college roommate at Oklahoma, Sam Bradford.

Whether Bradford helped recruit the Cowboys superstar is unknown, but it certainly didn't hurt.

Murray offers some attributes that McCoy lacked — such as an ability to attack inside holes and run downhill. McCoy was much more of a run-to-daylight kind of back, routinely sprinting east and west toward the sidelines.

Murray had a monster season in Big D last year, rushing for 1,845 yards on 392 carries with 13 rushing touchdowns.

The Eagles now have considerable depth at running back, with Mathews who officially signed a three-year deal, Darren Sproles and Chris Polk. Polk is a restricted free agent, and may now become a victim of numbers in the Eagles' deep backfield.

By the numbers

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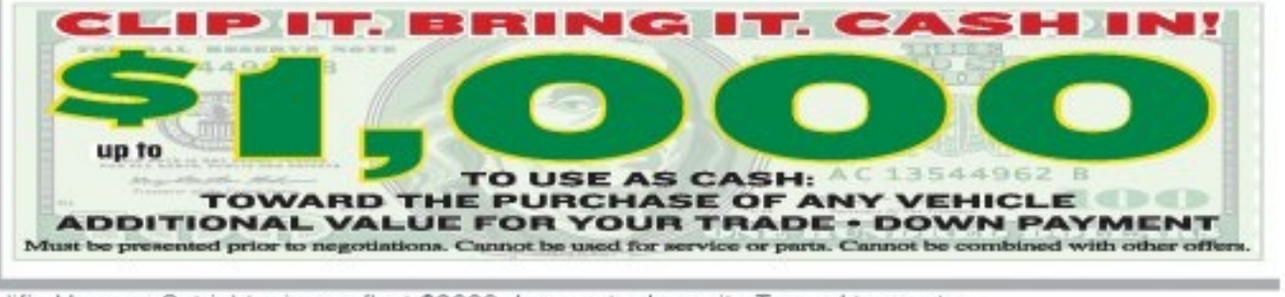
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Sports news you need to know

1 Eagles no where near finished with offseason transactions

Before the ink could dry on the contracts of Ryan Mathews and Walter Thurmond III Thursday, rumors began to swirl over another potential trade.

According to several sources, including NFL Network's Ian Rapoport, All-Pro left guard Evan Mathis could be the next to go.

The 33-year-old offensive lineman is in the middle of a five-year, $25.5 million pact, but his trade would open up $6.5 million in cap room.

With the Eagles agreeing to give DeMarco Murray at least $21 million and several other spots left to fill on the roster, like safety and wide receiver, the next step could be to make the cap work in order to acquire players at positions of need.

The strange part in this, however, is that the Birds already let their starting right guard Todd Herremans go, and trading Mathis would mean the Eagles would not have a single starter at offensive guard.

The Boston Herald reported that the Patriots were one of the teams interested in Mathis.

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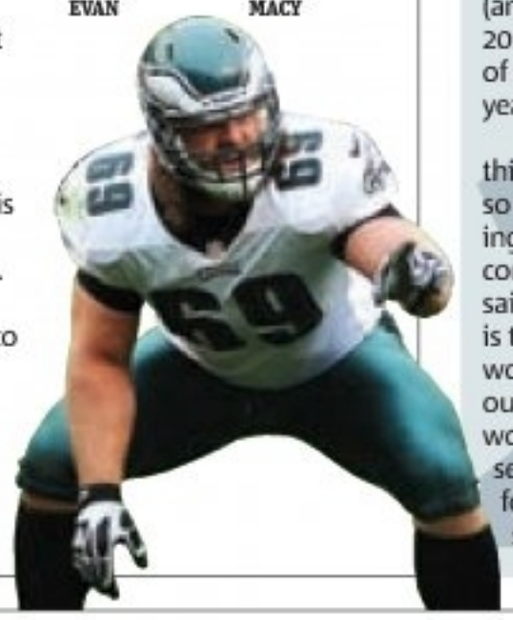

2 Dunphy wins AAC honor

On the eve of Temple's final push for an NCAA Tournament berth, the Owls got the not so surprising but honorable news that head coach Fran Dunphy was chosen as the conference's top coach. After the Owls missed the NCAA tournament last season, Temple turned a 9-22 record around to a 22-9 (and counting) mark in 2014. It's his third Coach of the Year award in nine years on North Broad.

"I am humbled by this honor as there are so many coaches deserving of this award in our conference," Dunphy said in a statement. "It is truly a team award. I would like to recognize our staff for all the hard work throughout the season, and our players for their hard work this season." EVAN MACY

3 Embiid is OK

After being seen in a boot a few days ago, Sixers fans feared the worst about rehabbing prospect Joel Embiid.

A spectacular between-the-legs dunk on Twitter took NBA fans by storm just prior to word that he was having his ailing ankle reexamined.

Luckily for the 76ers, the news was good.

"Everything is right on track," coach Brett Brown said. "It's healing at the rate we expected. He is allowed to dunk. [laughs]

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4 Flyers push forward

Though their playoff hopes are almost a memory, there is no mercy provided by the NHL's break-neck schedule.

The Flyers host the Red Wings at the Wells Fargo Center on Saturday for a 1 p.m. matinee (on CSN) looking to finish their last 15 games on a high note.

Sunday begins a long road trip for the Flyers through Canada, starting with the Senators in Ottawa at 7 p.m. (on CSN).

The extended trip north of the border will take Philly to Vancouver, Calgary, and Edmonton too before they return home for the first of two final homestands.

Philly trails both Boston and Florida by a sizable amount in the Eastern Conference standings. EVAN MACY

5 76ers homestand continues

The 76ers nearly pulled off another upset at home Thursday when they fell to the Bulls in overtime.

Even after their epic trade-deadline dump, the Sixers are playing hard, and making opponents earn wins at the Wells Fargo Center. Philly will wrap up its current homestand with a pair of games this weekend, Friday against the Kings (7 p.m., CSN) and then the Nets on Saturday (7:30 p.m., CSN). EVAN MACY

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Phillies get unexpected boost from another Rule 5 selection

MLB. Phillies fans will certainly know, and perhaps love, Odubel Herrera by the end of spring training.

The initial week of spring training has been as dreary as it could possibly be for the Phillies. A day after claiming that his left elbow was fine, Cliff Lee admitted that he is in pain and that surgery is a possibility, which could end his season and possibly his career.

There has been a power outage. No Phillie, save non-roster invitees, has gone yard in a week's worth of Grapefruit League games. There have been few signs of Chase Utley, who is trying to get ready for the daily grind of a regular season.

However, there is a silver lining in the cloud hanging over Bright House Network field. Odubel Herrera, a Rule 5 pick (just like Shane Victorino) from the Texas Rangers, has been the most impressive player in camp. Herrera, 23, lined three hard singles, stole three bases and scored a pair of runs against the Yankees during the second game of spring training and has played hard every time he's been out on the field. Herrera must stay with the Phillies the entire season or be offered back to Texas.

Odubel Herrera, with his speed and hustle, could become a Philly fan favorite. / GETTY IMAGES

"Herrera is not going back to the Rangers," an NL scout said. "This kid isn't just going to make this team but I predict he will start and leadoff for the Phillies on opening day. "I told Ruben [Amaro] that the Phillies did a great job picking him up. I watched him during the off-season down there [in Venezuela]. He looked great there."

The 5-foot-10, 175-pound versatile athlete was the batting champion (.372) and MVP of the Venezuelan Winter League. A converted middle infielder, Herrera can play all three outfield spots. He likes what he sees of the Phillies.

"I love it here," Herrera said through a translator. "I just want to do all that I can to make the team. I think there is a chance for me here."

Herrera offers welcome versatility, speed and good baseball smarts.

"He gives you a lot," the NL scout said. "This is a kid you have to keep your eye on. He also gives the Phillies needed speed in the outfield. We'll see what happens, but I would be surprised if Herrera doesn't earn the starting left field job. He's going to be a good one. I think the Rangers are going to regret not protecting him and the Phillies will have some productive years out of him."

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Phillies 6, Tigers 5

Phillies offense finally comes alive

The Phillies burst for their first big inning of the spring Thursday, scoring six runs in a 6-5 win over Detroit. Andres Blanco hit a two-run triple while Ryan Howard, Jeff Francoeur, Cameron Rupp and Freddy Galvis each had an RBI in the frame. EVAN MACY

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Villanova are heavy favorites to win the Big East Tournament. / GETTY IMAGES

Villanova, La Salle advance in tourneys

NCAA. The Wildcats cruised to a win over Marquette while the Explorers hung on to beat UMass.

March Madness started in earnest in Philly on Thursday, when two Big 5 squads earned wins in their respective conference tournaments.

Villanova, not only playing for a Big East tournament championship but also the chance to be a No. 1 seed come Selection Sunday, blew away Marquette with an 84-49 victory.

The fourth-ranked Wildcats made 17-of-29 3-point attempts to win its 13th straight game.

From Madison Square Garden to the Barclays Center, La Salle earned a big 78-69 win over UMass to open the A-10 Tournament.

The Explorers will likely need to win the entire tournament to earn a berth into the Big Dance as they currently sit at just 17-15 on the year.

Jordan Price scored 28 points and Khalid Lewis made a key 3 with 1:28 left in the victory in Brooklyn.

Both tournaments continue Friday afternoon.

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Big 5 hoops

THE OWLS START THEIR "MARCH MADNESS" VERSUS MEMPHIS FRIDAY. GETTY IMAGES

Friday will be busy for Big 5 tournament hopes. Here's a look at the key matchups to watch for.

- **Temple vs. Memphis, AAC quarterfinals:** The Owls need to avoid a first-round exit from their conference tournament to help lock an at-large NCAA bid. The Owls (22-9) beat the Tigers by a single-point in the regular season. Tipoff is at 2 p.m. on ESPN2.
- **Villanova vs. Providence, Big East Semifinals:** The Wildcats look to take a step closer to a tournament title against the Friars at 7 p.m. on FoxSports1 Friday night.
- **La Salle vs. Davidson, Atlantic 10 quarterfinals:** La Salle will need to defeat No. 24 Davidson in order to keep their NCAA hopes alive, at noon on NBCSN.

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A match between European soccer powers Manchester United and Barcelona took place on August 3, 2003, and served as the rebirth of soccer interest in Philadelphia. Names like Ronaldinho, Ruud van Nistelrooy, Tim Howard and Roy Keane took the field and gave fans a glimpse of what professional soccer was all about.

The Union were born shortly after, in 2008, and interest in soccer has skyrocketed throughout the city in the time since. In fact, soccer interest has grown so much that the city will now serve as the host of the 2015 CONCACAF Gold Cup final in July.

TEAM USA'S CLINT DEMPSEY COULD HEADLINE PLAYERS AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD. GETTY IMAGES

"We've had 12 international club teams come here to play over the years, we've had 10 men's national teams come here and play, we've had five women's national teams and most recently, in October, we held the women's World Cup qualifiers at PPL Park," said Union CEO Nick Sakiewicz. "This is another great, great event that we're able to bring [to this city]."

In 2009, the U.S. men's national team played its first match in Philadelphia since 1968. They've played two matches in the city since and are the favorites heading into Gold Cup play, which begins on July 7. USA will face the winner of a March playoff between Honduras and French Guiana in their first match in Group A.

Quoted

"This is an international event. There will be nearly 100 countries represented here and all eyes will be on Philadelphia on the weekend of [July] 25 and 26." Michael Nutter

"In essence the Super Bowl of soccer is taking place right here in Philadelphia and we should in the next few years be the American football host site as well, but that's another discussion for another day," said Mayor Michael Nutter. "Philadelphia continues prove itself as a great world class destination for big events."

The rest of team USA's slotted matches of Group A are Haiti on July 10, followed by Panama on July 13. If the Americans win their group, they would play the third-place team from Group B or C on July 18.

"This is a sports town," Nutter said. "Philadelphians will argue about anything related to sports, they will go to anything related to sports and [this event] brings people here."

The Gold Cup final will take place at Lincoln Financial Field on July 26. PPL Park hosts the third-place match on July 25.

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Heading west

MAURICE EDU GETTY IMAGES

Union look for first win of season in Utah

The Union's offense was nowhere to be found in a 0-0 draw against Colorado to open the MLS season last Sunday.

Perhaps they'll be able to find nylon in their second match on Saturday against Real Salt Lake, another squad that opened the year with a scoreless draw.

The two teams, last year, 2-2 draw last April 12 at PPL Park, the third of three consecutive draws.

Keys for Philly in the game will be maneuvering their first pass after an turnover, which can lead to offense. Maurice Edu has a big matchup against RSL's Javier Morales on their four-man midfield.

Things kick off in the West Coast match at 9:30 p.m. on TCN.

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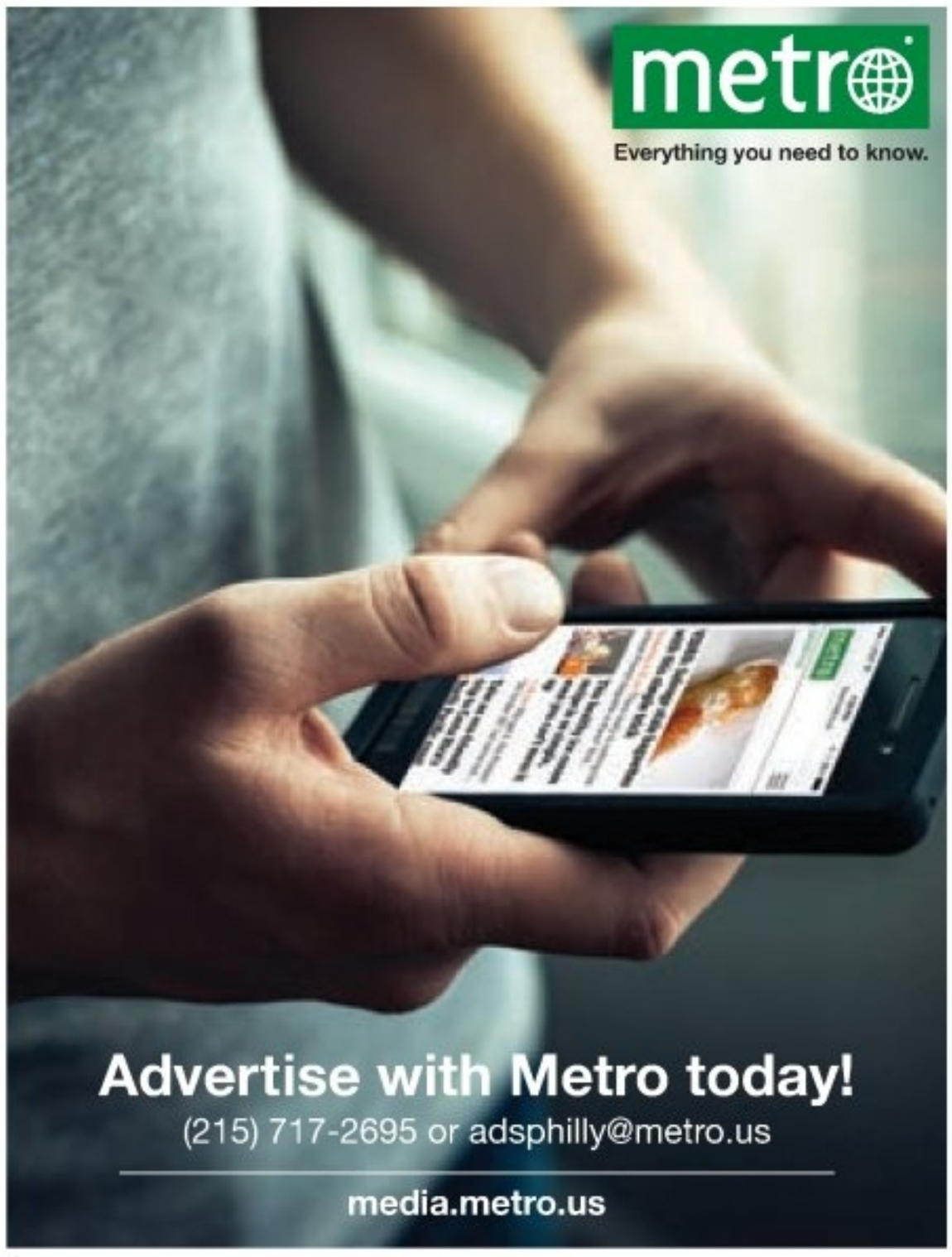

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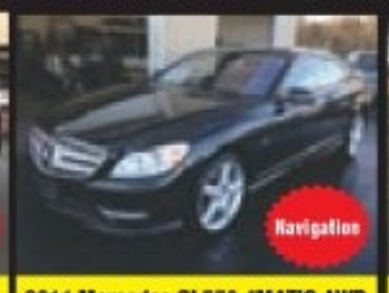

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